

4. (Amended) A laryngeal mask assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said airway tube and mount are molded of polyurethane.

5. (Amended) A laryngeal mask assembly comprising: an airway tube; a mount at a patient end of said airway tube; an inflation line extending in a groove along said airway tube; an annular sealing cuff extending around a patient end of said mount in communication with said inflation line, wherein said airway tube and mount are molded together as an integral, single-piece component, and wherein said sealing cuff is attached with said mount as a separate component and is adapted to seal with tissue in the region of the hypopharynx.

6. (Amended) A method of manufacture of a laryngeal mask assembly comprising the steps of molding an airway tube and a mount integrally with said airway tube; and subsequently attaching a sealing cuff with said mount.

7. (Amended) A method of manufacture of a laryngeal mask assembly comprising the steps of molding an airway tube and a mount integrally with said airway tube, said mount being of generally shoe-shape and having a patient end extending at an angle to an axis of the airway tube; and subsequently attaching a sealing cuff with said mount, said mount being shaped such that said cuff can seal with tissue in the region of the hypopharynx.

Remarks

The following is a response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2002 in which claims 1-3 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brain U.S. patent 5,241,956, and claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brain in view of Sato U.S. patent 5,392,774.